STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

December 19, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. ROMERO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to eligibility for military enhanced recognition, incentive and tribute ("MERIT") scholarships

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 668-e of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. Severely and permanently disabled. For the purposes of this section, an individual is severely and permanently disabled when a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, licensed to practice in a state, has determined that such person is either:

a. unable to engage in any occupation for substantial gainful activity due to a physical or mental impairment; or

b. unable to engage in any occupation for remuneration or profit due to a physical or mental impairment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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